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TRAVELLERS BACK DOWN AFTER LEN'S SEWAGE THREAT

STRAW bales stockpiled to fight the eviction at Dale Farm illegal traveller site were removed after a resident threatened to coat them in raw sewage.

Travellers at the site in Oak Lane, Crays Hill, piled several bales by the gate at the back of Len Gridley's garden in Oak Road.

Mr Gridley said: "I had gas canisters piled up here before and now straw. My guess is they would make a fire barrier by setting alight to them. They burnt my fence before so I'm not having the same happen to my metal one. I told the police if they are not gone by Wednesday, I will empty the sewage tank over them. The police went down there on Wednesday and spoke to them."

Yesterday at 4pm Dale Farm spokesman Richard Sheridan was seen removing the bales.

Mr Gridley said: "If the bales are put back I won't notify the police, but will just flood them with sewage."

Essex Police was unavailable for comment.



■ Threat – Len Gridley with the sewage tank

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